accordingly taken to take up cases of existing State Universities, which were older than 100 years, for conversion into Central Universities provided that State Governments also met a part of the expenditure. In the case of Allahabad University, there was no firm commitment from the State Govt. on the stipulated terms at that time. However, the entire policy is under review and once a final decision is taken, the case of Allahabad University will be taken up in the light of that policy decision.

Nomination of Members of National Commission for Women

708.DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to be state:

(a) the criteria adopted by Government for nominating Members to the National Commission for Women;

(b) whether the Commission is not fully autonomous to choose the staff; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) In accordance with the Section 2(b) of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990, five Members of the National Commission for Women are nominated by Central Government from amongst persons of ability, integrity and standing who have had experience in law or legislation, trade unionism, management of an industry or organisation committed to increasing the employment potential of women, women's Voluntary Organisations (including women activists), administration, economic development, health, education or social welfare. It is also provided that at least one member each shall be from amongst persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively.

(b) and (c) In accordance with the Section 5 (1) of the national Commission for Women Act,. 1990, the Central Government provides the Commission with such officers and employees as are necessary for the efficient performance of the functions of the commission under the Act. Further in accordance with Sub Rule (3) of Rule 4 of the National Commission for Women (Salaries, Allowances and Other Terms and Conditions of Group 'C' and 'D' Employees) Rules, 1997, notified on 9.1.87 under Sub Section (1) read with Clause (1) of Sub-section (2) of Section 17 of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990, the Commission is competent to make appointments to the Group 'C' and 'D' posts on transfer and deputation basis.

Adoption of New Sports and Youth Polices

709. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to adopt new sports and youth Policies;

(b) if so, by when the new policies are likely to be adopted; and

(c) the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to making them more need based, the existing Sports and Youth Policies have been reviewed. After widespread consultations, draft New Sports and Youth Policies have been formulated. There draft policies were circulated to all concerned agencies inviting their comments and have also been widely discussed and debated in various forums, including the Conference of Ministers for Youth Affairs and Sports of States/Union Territories. The comments and suggestions received have been suitably incorporated, wherever considered necessary. Action has been initiated for obtaining the approval of the Government to the Draft New Policies.

(c) The salient features of the New Sports Policy and Youth Policy are as under :

New Sports Policy

1. Broad-basing of Sports;
2. Creation of Sports Infrastructure;
3. Mobilisation of mass media in introducing a sports culture in the country;
4. Achievig excellence at the National and International levels;
5. Scientific back-up to Sports persons;